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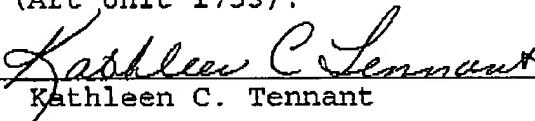
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003,
 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire
 on October 10, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of
 time is attached with an authorization to charge the required
 fee to our deposit account.